THE

PROPHECIE

OF

Thomas Becket,

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In the Reign of King *HENRY* the Second;

Concerning the Wars betwixt England France, *and* Holland;

Lately found in an ancient Manuſcript at *Alington*, by Dr. *Ailſworth*; and by him ſent as a Rarity to the Univerſity of *OXFORD*.

With the Interpretation and Judg-ment of divers of the Learned Maſters, Preſidents, and Principals of Colledges, touching the great things fore-told in the following Particulars.

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The strange Prophecie.

Honoured Sir,

I Have here sent you a *Prophecy*, the truth whereof time its probably may produce, & that I hope, to the comfort of all his Majesties Loyal Subjects. *The said Prophecy was lately found in* Abington, *in a Manuscript there by Dr.* Ailsworth, *and by him sent as a Rarity to the University of* Oxford. *And the Heads of several Houses,* viz. *the Masters, Presidents, Principals,* &c. *have given their Judgment of it; amongst others, Dr.* Tully, *President of* Edmond-*Hall, who sent down*

Aylworth.

A Copy

a Copy of it in a Letter of his dated Jan. 26. *last to Mr.* Yates, B. D. *my Neighbour, from whom I tranſcribed this* verbatim. *By* Lilium, *they all unanimonſly conceive may be meant* France, *the Lillies being the Arms of it. By* Leo, Holland, *that being its Arms. By* Aquila, *the Emperour of* Germany, *that being his. And, which is the chief thing, by* Filius hominis, *the King of* England, *being deciphered by* Ferens feras in brachiis, & cujus regnum eſt in terra Lanæ. *By* Caput Mundi, *the Turk* or *Pope, as followeth in the Prophecie. The* Marks *you have accordingly, as they were ſent to* Mr. Yates *by the ſaid Doctor Tully.*

W. LITTLETON,

Miniſter of the Goſpel.

Timothy als Littleton

Prophetia Sancti Thomæ a Becket *ex Manuſcripto nuper* Abindonæ *a Doctore* Ailſworth *invento tranſcripta.*

Reg. Hen. 2.

(a) LIlium in meliori parte manebit, & intrabit in terram (b) Leonis, carentis auxilio, quem beſtiæ Regionis ſuæ dentibus lacerabunt, & ſtabit in agro inter Spinas regni ſui, ſuperne Filius Hominis veniet cum magno exercitu tranſiens aquas, (c) ferens feras in brachiis ſuis, cujus regnum eſt in terra Lanæ, timendus per univerſum mundum. (d) Aquila veniet ex parte Orientali alis extenſis ſuper Solem, cum magna multitudine populorum ſuorum in adjutorium Filii Hominis. Illo Anno Caſtra deferentur, magnus timor erit in mundo, & in quadam parte Leonis bellum erit inter plures Reges, & erit Sanguinis diluvium. Lilium perdet Coronam ſuam, de qua Filius Hominis Coronabitur; & per quatuor annos ſequentes fiunt in mundo prælia multa inter fidem ſectantes. Pars mundi deſtruetur. (e) Caput mundi erit ad terram. Filius Hominis & Aquila prævalebunt:

(a) France.
(b) Holland.
(c) King of England.
(d) Emperor of Germany.
(e) The Pope.

valebunt, & tunc erit pax in toto terrarum orbe. Tunc Filius Hominis accipiet Signum Mirabile, & ibit in Terram Promiſſionis.

The Prophecy of St. *Thomas a Becket*, Arch-Biſhop of *Canterbury*, in the Reign of *Henry* the Second, found lately in an ancient Manuſcript at *Abingdon by* Dr. *Ailsworth*.

(a) *France* THE *Lillie* (*a*) ſhall remain in the better part, and ſhall enter into the Land of the *Lyon*,

(b) *Holland.* (b) they wanting his aſſiſtance, which the *Beaſts* of his own Kingdom ſhall tear with their *Teeth*, and ſhall ſtand in the Field amongſt the *Thorns*

Thorns of his Kingdom;
(c) *K.* of *England.* at length shal the *Son* (c) of Man come with a great *Army*, passing the Waters, carrying *Wild Beasts* in his *Arms*, whose Kingdom is in the Land of Wool, and feared by the whole World.

(d) *Emperour of Germany.* (d) *The Eagle* shall come out of the *East* with his Wings spread upon the *SUN*, with a great Multitude of his *People*, to the help of the *Son of Man*; In that Year Camps shall be torn, great Fear shall be in the *World*; and in some part of the *Land of the Lyon* shall War be amongst many Kings, and there shall be a Flood of Blood. *The Lilly* shall loose his Crowne, with which the Sonne of Man

Man ſhall be Crowned. And for four following years ſhall there be many Battails amongſt Chriſtians. Part of the World ſhall be deſtroyed. (e) *The* Head of the world ſhal be to the earth *The* Son of Man & the Eagle ſhall prevail, and then ſhal there be peace over the whole face of the Earth. Then ſhall the Son of Man receive a Wonderful Signe, and ſhall go into the Land of Promiſe.

(e) *Pope*, or *Turk*.

FINIS.